

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A print service for providing print of digital image data in response to an order from a user comprising:

a recorder that records a reception date of an order orders received from the user-users and data identifying the each user;

a receiver that receives a present print order from a user;

a checker that checks whether or not the reception date of the present print order is within a predetermined time period of a reception date of a previous order from the same user is in the a record of recorded in the recorder within a predetermined period prior to the order of this; and

a charge determiner that ~~deducts~~ determines a print charge of the present print order by deducting a predetermined amount from the print charge on the order of this time regardless of that on the previous order regardless of a content of the previous order if the checker finds in the record the previous order in the record from the same user within the predetermined time period.

2. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined time period is less than one month.

3. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the checker includes a comparator that compares the user of the present print order ~~of this time~~ with the data identifying the user recorded in the record.

4. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the checker includes a comparator that finds out a relationship between the data of the present print order and the reception data in the record in view of the predetermined time period.

5. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 4, wherein the comparator includes an adder that adds the predetermined time period to the reception date of the previous order recorded in the record ~~to compare it for comparison~~ with the reception date of the present print order of this time.

6. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 4, wherein the comparator includes a subtractor that subtracts the predetermined time period from the reception date of the present order of this time ~~to compare it for comparison~~ with the reception date of the previous order recorded in the record.

7. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 4, wherein the comparator includes a finder that finds a time period between the reception date of the present print order of this time and the reception date of the previous order recorded in the record ~~to compare it for comparison~~ with the predetermined time period.

8. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the checker checks ~~up~~ if the user used the same print service within the predetermined time period.

9. (Currently Amended) The print service according to ~~claim 1 further comprising a reception that receives the order,~~ claim 1, wherein the checker checks ~~up~~ if the present print order is received through the same ~~reception receiver as the previous order~~ within the predetermined time period.

10. (Original) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are attached to the digital image data.

11. (Original) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are embedded in the digital image data.

12. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of predetermined time periods are prepared in the checker.

13. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 12, wherein the charge determiner deducts ~~one of a plurality of a different~~ predetermined amount ~~from the print charges to cope with one for each of the plurality of predetermined time periods.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A print service for providing print of digital image data in response to an order from a user comprising:

a recorder that records a reception date of an order ~~orders received from the user-users~~ and data identifying ~~the each~~ user;

a receiver that receives a present print order from a user;

a checker that checks whether or not the reception date of the present print order is within one month of a reception date of a previous order from the same user ~~is in the a record of recorded in the recorder within one month prior to the order of this time;~~ and

a charge determiner that ~~deducts an~~ determines a print charge of the present print order by deducting a predetermined amount from the print charge on the order of this time ~~if the checker finds the previous order in the record determines that the present print order was placed not more than one month from the previous order from the same user regardless of a content of the previous order from the same user.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The print service according to ~~claim 14 further comprising a reception that receives the order,~~ claim 14, wherein the checker checks ~~up~~ if the user used the same print service for the present print order and the previous order ~~within the predetermined period one month.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The print service according to claim 14, wherein the checker checks ~~up~~ if the present print order is and the previous order are through the same service front ~~within the predetermined period one month.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The print service according to ~~claim 14~~ claim 16, further comprising a laboratory system that produces the print in response to the present print order received through the service front.

18. (Original) The print service according to claim 14, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are attached to the digital image data.

19. (Original) The print service according to claim 14, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are embedded in the digital image data.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~In a print service for providing~~ A laboratory system that produces a print of digital image data in response to an order from a user, a ~~the~~ laboratory system comprising:

a recorder that records data identifying the user;

a receiver that receives a present print order from the user;

a checker that checks whether or not the user ~~used~~ has previously ordered a print with the same laboratory system ~~before according to the~~ regardless of a content of the present print order and based on a record recorded by the recorder;

a determiner that determines ~~the a~~ print charge on ~~for the present print order of this time in response to the checker~~ based on an outcome of the check performed by the checker; and

a reporter that reports the outcome of the determiner to a service front that ~~contacts~~ delivers the print to the user.

21. (Currently Amended) The laboratory system according to claim 20, wherein the determiner ~~deducts~~ determines the print charge by deducting a predetermined amount ~~from the print charge on the order of this time regardless of that on the previous order by the same user~~ if it is confirmed by the checker that the user previously used the same laboratory system ~~before~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The laboratory system according to claim 20, wherein the service front is ~~apart~~ separate from the laboratory system.

23. (Currently Amended) The laboratory system according to claim 20, wherein the checker checks ~~up~~ if the data identifying the user ~~same as that of the~~ present print order ~~this time has been recorded before~~ previously by the recorder.

24. (Currently Amended) The laboratory system according to ~~claim 20~~ claim 20, further comprising a second recorder that records the service front receiving the present print order, wherein the reporter reports the service front recorded in the second recorder.

25. (Currently Amended) The laboratory system according to ~~claim 20~~ claim 20, further comprising a second recorder that records the service front in charge of the delivery of the prints to the user, wherein the reporter reports the service front recorded in the second recorder.

26. (Original) The laboratory system according to claim 20, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are attached to the digital image data.

27. (Original) The laboratory system according to claim 20, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are embedded in the digital image data.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~In a print service for providing~~ A service front that handles a plurality of print services for delivering a print of digital image data to a user in response to an order from a user through a service front the user, the service front comprising:

a first recorder that records data identifying the user;

a second recorder that records an identity of a laboratory system, ~~the service front requesting the recorded laboratory system to produce the print~~ specified by the user;

a receiver that receives a present print order from the user;

a checker that checks whether or not the user ~~used~~ has previously ordered prints with the same service front ~~before~~ according to the record ~~of~~ recorded by the first recorder, and regardless of a content of the digital image data; and

a charge determiner that determines the print charge ~~on~~ of the present print order of this time in response to the checker based on an outcome of the check performed by the checker and regardless of the record ~~of~~ recorded in the second recorder.

29. (Currently Amended) The service front according to ~~claim 28~~ claim 28, further comprising a requester that requests ~~the print to~~ printing of the present print order by the laboratory system based on a record recorded by the second recorder.

30. (Currently Amended) The service front according to ~~claim 28~~ claim 28, further comprising a second receiver that receives a report of a printing charge determined by the laboratory system, and a charging system that charges the user the total amount of the ~~reported~~ laboratory system printing charge and the print charge determined by the charge determiner.

31. (Original) The service front according to claim 28, wherein the service front acts as a reception site that receives an order for printing images from the user.

32. (Currently Amended) The service front according to claim 28, wherein the service front acts as a delivery site that delivers the output print ~~output~~ to the user.

33. (Currently Amended) The service front according to claim 28, wherein the charge determiner determines a lower charge if it is confirmed by the checker confirms that ~~an~~ a previous order from the same user was received within a predetermined time period prior to the present print order ~~of this time~~.

34. (Currently Amended) The service front according to ~~claim 28~~ claim 33, wherein the predetermined time period is less than one month.

35. (Currently Amended) The service front according to claim 28, wherein the checker checks ~~up~~ if the data identifying the user ~~same as that of the~~ present print order ~~this time~~ has been recorded ~~before~~ previously by the first recorder.

36. (Currently Amended) The service ~~department~~ front according to claim 28, wherein the contents to be recorded by the first and second recorders are attached to the digital image data.

37. (Currently Amended) The service ~~department~~ front according to claim 28, wherein the contents to be recorded by the first and second recorders are embedded in the digital image data.